

United States Postal Service

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rules or an applicable order, prescribed periods of time are measured in calendar days rather than business days.

§ 958.22 Continuances and extensions.

Continuances and extensions may be granted under these rules for good cause shown.

§ 958.23 Settlement.

Either party may make offers of settlement or proposals of adjustment at any time. The Determining Official has the exclusive authority to compromise or settle any determinations of liability for civil penalties, clean-up costs and/or damages for mailing hazardous materials and/or related violations under 39 U.S.C. 3018, without the consent of the Presiding Officer or Judicial Officer.

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AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 204, 401; 39 CFR 224.1(c)(6)(ii)(D).

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§ 959.1 Authority for rules.

These rules are issued by the Judicial Officer of the U.S. Postal Service pursuant to authority delegated by the Postmaster General.

§ 959.2 Scope of rules.

These rules apply to all Postal Service proceedings in which part 310 of this title authorizes appeals to the Judicial Officer from demands for postage for matter carried in violation of the Private Express Statutes, and in proceedings to revoke, as to any person, the suspension of provisions of the Private Express Statutes in accordance with part 320 of this title.

§ 959.3 Office, business hours.

The offices of the officials mentioned in these rules are located at 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-3078 and are open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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§ 959.4 Demands for payment of postage.

Final demands for payment of postage will be accompanied by a copy of these rules and will:

- (a) State that the demand is final unless appealed under these rules within 15 days after receipt of the demand;
- (b) Describe the transaction on which the demand is based and the provisions of law or regulation alleged to have been violated; and
- (c) State the manner in which the amount of the demand is computed.

§ 959.5 Appeals from demands.

(a) A party upon whom a demand for postage has been made may appeal from the demand by filing a petition, in triplicate, with the Recorder, Judicial Officer Department, within 15 days after receipt of the demand.

(b) The petition shall:

- (1) Be signed personally by an individual petitioner, by one of the partners of a partnership, or by an officer of a corporation or association;